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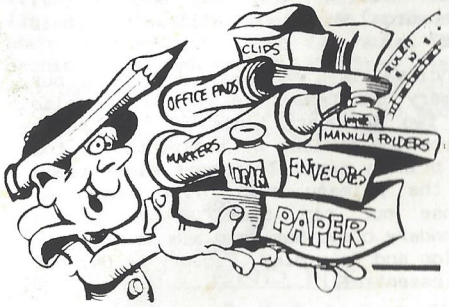

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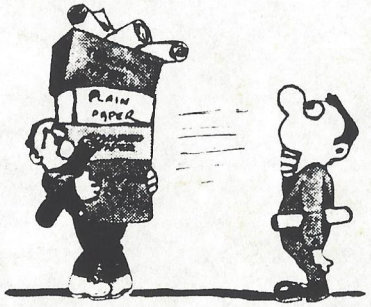

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BRISBANE LIONS v SYDNEY CROATIA

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BRISBANE LIONS	SYDNEY CROATIA
JASON KEARTON	ANTHONY FRANKEN
FRANK LIDDELL	VEDRAN ROZIC
ALAN NIVEN	DAVID REZO
ALEX CUMMINGS	SEAN INGHAM
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RUSSELL STEWART	MARK JONES
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Saturday, 5th March, 1988

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Once again a hearty welcome to Brisbane Lions's game against Sydney Croatia, one of Australia's leading clubs as they are known to outclass the best teams in the land. However, our own team has done the same and let us hope this is our special day.

A win will soar us up to the middle of the table as it is only early days, that's why today's two points are most important for us to at least keep in touch. We trust you'll have a most enjoyable afternoon and be our guest in the Lions Den after the game for a friendly chat with our players and friends.

Yours in Sport,
JOHN MORCUS, *PRESIDENT*

SOCCER CARNIVAL

Two Ladies, five junior and three senior teams from the Sunshine Coast will be making the trip down to Lions tomorrow to compete in the Carnival. We hope that you will also be able to come and see these teams in action for some very entertaining soccer. The games are:

FIELD 1
9.45 Inala Girls v S C Coast Girls
10.45 Kingsridge Ladies v S C Coast Ladies
12.15 Lions U13 v S C Coast U12
1.20 Lions U15 v S C Coast U14
2.30 Lions U15 v S C Coast U15

FIELD 2
10.00 Lions U12 v S C Coast U11
11.00 Lions U14 v S C Coast U13
12.15 Lions 3rd Grade v Maroochydore
2.15 Lions Reserves v S C Coast Colts
4.15 Lions v S C Coast

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TODAY'S GAME

Today, March 5, we will be playing against the Sydney based team Sydney Croatia, currently leaders of the NSL. Sydney Croatia is one of the few teams in Australia with full-time players. That speaks for itself in their high standard of soccer.

Led by their playing coach, Vedran Rozic, 26 time international player for Yugoslavia, supported by the well known Australian representatives Savor, Jennings, Slater, Arnold, Hunter, the goal-keeper Tony Franken, they will be difficult to beat on the day.

We have met them this season in the Beach Fashions Cup in Sydney, losing 3-0 with the first half of the match 0-0. They came at full strength in the second half to secure three uncontested goals.

After a good start, we have lost a bit of steam, but one thing is sure, we never lost the confidence and the desire to improve. Instead of adapting a negative attitude, we have been working harder with a tremendous enthusiasm to get back on the winning track.

In the last game versus Apia, we gave a good account of ourselves. We were very much in the game. What the Sydney reporters omitted, was the disgraceful officiating robbing us of two clear penalties. The first was a tackle from behind of Yankos over Lightbown that resulted in his shoulder injury, and the second, an intentional handball by Bertogna that the referee ignored completely. Another near opportunity for goal was a marvelous chip by Nick Meredith that hit the cross bar and bounced back just on the goal line. Apia played very physical, and aside from Lightbown's shoulder injury, Martin Kirsopp suffered a very serious knee ligament damage that will require operation.

We are in a must win situation versus Croatia, and it is in difficult times like these that we need all your support most. We are ready for Croatia, and whoever plays this Saturday will do it to the best of their ability. With this in mind, we will be making the most of our chances to score a win.

JUAN CUTILLAS, *COACH*

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LOOKING BACK....

with TREVOR MOORE

This evening's visitors to Richlands is Sydney Croatia, one of the glamour clubs of the NSL and a team always sure to attract fanatical support where ever they play. The reluctance of the NSL to admit clubs with ethnic names meant that Croatia only joined the League for the expanded two Conference set-up in 1984. Without having to face the likes of Hakoah, Marconi and St. George, the strong Croatian club was able to dominate the NSW State League in the late 1970's and early 1980's. They were Champions in 1977/78/79/81/82 and went on to win the 1977/82/83 Grand Finals.

Commonsense finally prevailed when the NSL relented and Croatia were allowed to join for the 1984 season, finishing a respectable sixth in the Australian (Northern) Conference. Incredibly in that initial season, Croatia used four coaches. The started off under Socceroo great Atti Abonyi, then followed short stints in charge by Mick Jones and harry Noon before current coach Vedran Rozic took control to add some much needed stability. In 1985, they were runners up to Sydney City in their Division and the following season went one better, winning the Northern Division by five points from Sydney Olympic. For the early part of last season they appeared capable of repeating their 1986 success and after ten matches were only one point behind eventual Champions, Apia. However one win in the next ten games saw Croatia slide out of contention but success in the Beach Fashions Cup proved some consolation.

Lions and Croatia have met only twice in NSL fixtures, both back in 1984. The first meeting at Richlands in April ended with a 2-2 scoreline. Goals for Lions by Calvin Daunt (26th minute) and Joe Cairney (63rd) were cancelled out by efforts from Graham Arnold and Ken Boden. In the return match at King Tomislav Park in July, Croatia ran out 2-1 winners. Arnold was again on target, Shane Clinch put Croatia two up before a late reply from John Stewart. The line-ups on that day were:-

Lions: Farrow, Jackson, Hunter, Vasquez, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Junna, McDonagh, Cairney, and Daunt.

Croatia: Watson, Woods, Rozic, Sterrey, Tomasich, Clinch, Jurin, Savor, Arnold, Boden and Rezo.

The coach of Croatia was Harry Noon who had started the 1984 season in charge of Lions. the defeat dropped Lions to ninth place in the Southern Conference, but five wins from the next six matches saw them climb to fourth spot - their highest finish in ten seasons in the NSL. Back in 1984, the two clubs were grouped together with Brisbane City and Marconi in the NSL Cup. The match in Sydney finished scoreless and the point gained helped Lions to top the group and qualify for the quarter finals. Lions supporters will need no reminding that it was Croatia who knocked Lions out of this year's Beach Fashions Cup, scoring three goals without reply.

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RAY BAARTZ

Turning 41 tomorrow is Newcastle's favourite soccer son, Ray Baartz, born 6/3/47 at Merewether. One of the finest players this country has produced, Baartz first drew attention with his outstanding displays in the 1963 Australian Youth Championships. His reward was a sporting scholarship to join famous English club Manchester United where he stayed for almost two and a half years. Despite being offered the opportunity to play alongside great players such as Charlton and Law, Baartz grew restless for home and returned to the Adamstown club in Newcastle.

He was soon on the move to glamour Sydney club Hakoah for $5600 and within a few months had made his debut for Australia. This was in the 1967 series against a Scottish squad which although not at full strength, won each of the three games. Baartz scored Australia's only goal of the series in the 2-1 defeat in Adelaide. A young striker from Melbourne, Hungarian Attila Abonyi also made his international debut during the series. In the late 1960's and early 1970's, Baartz and Abonyi were automatic selections during the golden era of Australian soccer which saw the newly christened 'Socceroos' qualify for the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany. Baartz made 59 appearances for Australia, netting 21 goals while Abonyi scored 36 times in 89 games. Sadly for Ray Baartz, an 'injury' sustained in one of the warm-up games ruled him out of the Finals.

South American giants, Uruguay, were visitors to Australia in April 1974 for two matches as both countries built up for Germany. The first match in Melbourne ended scoreless - no doubt a surprise to the Uruguayans who saw the matches as an ideal opportunity to boost their confidence against supposedly inferior opposition. An even greater shock was in store for the South Americans in the second match at the Sydney Cricket Ground as the Socceroos scored a sensational 2-0 victory. Media outlets throughout South America at first refused to disclose the result believing that an error had somehow been made and that Uruguay had won the match by the two goals. Ray Baartz had put the home side ahead in the 59th minute and as time started running out, the Uruguayans became frustrated and in the 76th minute, defender Luis Garisto was ordered off following a viscious foul on Baartz. Socceroo coach, Rale Rasic claimed afterwards that Baartz had been felled by a karate chop. Even though Ray Baartz completed the game, twelve hours later he was rushed, partly paralized, to hospital with a ruptured artery in his neck. This later haemorrhaged which interfered with the supply of blood to the brain. Although he was to make a full recovery, the playing career of one of Australia's finest players was finished.

As recognition of his contribution to Australia's reaching the World Cup Finals, Ray Baartz accompanied the Socceroos to Germany with his expenses paid by the ASF. Later in 1974, he returned to Newcastle and set up a very successful sports store. He was to become one of the chief supporters in the push to have Newcastle represented in the Philips Soccer League. This dream was realized in 1978 when Newcastle KB United joined the League. When KB and coach Alan Vest parted company mid-way through the 1981 season, it was Ray Baartz who took control for the rest of the season, finishing tenth out of sixteen clubs.

Newcastle is a city rich in soccer tradition and it must dismay the likes of Ray Baartz to see their home town not represented in the National League. Like Lions, they were relegated at the end of the 1986 season and last year, a relatively inexperienced side struggled in the NSW State League. For 1988, the ambitious Austral club have taken up the challenge to re-establish Newcastle as a soccer stronghold. If along the way, they can produce one or two players of the same quality as Ray Baartz, Australian soccer will be all the richer for it.

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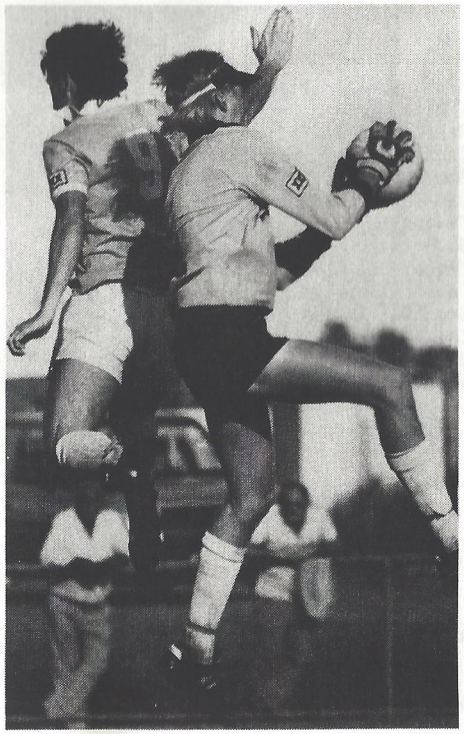

profile *

Full Name: Alexander John Cummings.
Nickname: None as yet.
Date of Birth: 3/8/67
Place of Birth: Paisley, Scotland.
Colour of Hair: Black
Colour of eyes: Brown
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 84kg
Marital Status: Single.
Occupation: Taking over from David Gwynne as head groundsman.
Superstitions: None.
Favourite food: Anything.
Favourite Drink: Coke.
Favourite T.V. Show: Family Ties.
Favourite Singer: Stiff Little Fingers.
Favourite Actor/Actress: Clint Eastwood, Charlie Sheene.
Personal Likes: Girlfriend, dog.
Personal Dislikes: Smoking; Bad or inconsistent referees.
Hobbies: Listening to music and watching videos.
Favourite form of Relaxation: Same as above.
Car: Datsun 200B SX "Supercar".
Shirt No: 2
Position on Field: Sweeper.
Previous Clubs: Forrestfield Utd (Perth), Aust Inst of Sport.
Representative Honours: West Aust Youth Caps; Six Caps for Aust Youth.
Ambitions: To have a good season with Lions and maybe go overseas.
Favourite Player: Bryan Robson, Graeme Souness.
Favourite other Team: Rangers.
Favourite Sportsman: Daley Thompson.
Greatest Thrill in Soccer: Going to Chile for the World Youth Cup.
Biggest Disappointment in Soccer: Not playing in the above tournament and scoring own goals.
Dislikes in Soccer: Over-the-ball tackles; The use of elbows.
Biggest influence on Career: Father, Ron Smith, Jimmy Shoulder.
Most Difficult Opponent: Nigel Clough of Nottingham Forest (Youth Tournament in Holland).
If you could choose someone in the world you would like to meet, who would it be? Graeme Souness (also the fella that supposedly pulled the brake cables out of my car).

OOPS!

I must apologise for a momunental error in last issue's "Profile" by listing Grant Lightbown's wife as Dawn, when in fact her name is Paula. My excuse is a combination of tired eyes and bad handwriting but hope that the error did not leave Grant with too much urgent explaining to do to Paula.

WEST END NSL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong	5	3	2	0	10	4	8
Sydney Croatia	5	4	0	1	8	5	8
Marconi	5	3	0	2	12	8	6
Sydney Olympic	5	2	2	1	6	2	6
South Melbourne	5	1	4	0	5	2	6
Melbourne Croatia	5	2	2	1	6	7	6
Brunswick Juventus	5	1	3	1	6	6	5
Sunshine G.C.	5	2	1	2	7	12	5
St George	5	2	0	3	11	8	4
Footscray	5	1	2	2	5	5	4
Leichhardt	5	2	0	3	5	8	4
Brisbane Lions	**5**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**7**	**10**	**3**
Preston	5	0	3	2	0	3	3
Adelaide City	5	0	2	3	2	10	2

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

WEST END NSL			
ROUND 7	Brisbane Lions v Brunswich Juventus	(H) Sat, 19th Mar.	6.00p.m.
SECOND DIVISION			
ROUND 1	Lions v Inala City	(A) Sun, 13th Mar.	
	Reserves v Inala City	(A) Sun, 13th Mar.	
	3rd Grade v Inala City	(A) Sun, 13th Mar.	
ROUND 2	Lions v Bardon Latrobe	(H) Sat, 19th Mar.	4.00p.m.
	Reserves v Bardon Latrobe	(H) Sat, 19th Mar.	2.00p.m.
	3rd Grade v Bardon Latrobe	(H) Sat, 19th Mar.	2.00p.m.

LONG DISTANCE MEMBER

Phil Peachey, a current member of Lions Soccer Club, resides in Mt Isa but is very keen to keep up with the local soccer news. However, we were very happy to receive a letter from him written on the 21st Jan, 1988 telling us what he was up to. So please read on and you to can hear what he has to tell us.

"Dear Jenny, gidday! Happy New Year! Many thanks for the goodies you sent towards the end of last season. I understand we're back in the NSL. Is that right?

What happened with the XXXX Premier League in '87? What was the final points table? Did we win the Grand Final afterwards? What teams will we have this year?

Enclosed is a photo and details of our primary rep team here in '87. We also had two secondary teams in '87, built around the nucleus of aspirants for the '86 primary team. There are eight teams in the primary comp. from which we choose our rep team. There is no secondary comp. Our main aim is participation and fair play. Victory is OK, but not essential.

Anyway, hoo-roo for now, see you later.

I remain yours in sport,
PHIL PEACHEY

Doomadgee Primary Soccer Team, 1987. From left to right: Back row: Warwick Peter (Wanderers), Raynard Douglas (Rambo), Terrance Taylor (Wongs), Charles Toby (Wongs), Shane O'Keefe (Rambo), Alec Doomadgee (Wanderers), Gwendalyn George (Blues Brothers), and Weenie Bob (Black Stars). Front row: Moses Foster (A Team), Tremain Ned (Wongs), Tyson Hookey (Wanderers), and Dotty Walden (Blues Brothers). Absent: Alyssa Daly (A Team), Reynalda Moreland (Blues Brothers).

Results of games this year:
Friday, Aug. 14: Doomadgee d Burketown 5-2.
Saturday, Aug. 15: Normanton d Doomadgee 6-3.
Sunday, Aug. 16: Normanton d Doomadgee 5-4.
Friday, Oct. 23: Doomadgee d Mornington Island 2-1.
Goalscorers for Doomadgee: Charles 13, Alyssa 1.

Doomadgee Seconds: Floyd Cubby, Justin Cairns, Travis Fraser, Reynold Jackboy, Myron Johnny, Perry Ned, Aaron Peter, David Gallagher; and Tyson, Warwick and Terrence from the firsts."

Last year's Grand Final foes, but team mates this year in the NSL are Grant Lightbown and Frank Mengotti.

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